

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 14-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,89,207 to Burgdorf *et al.* ("Burgdorf") in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,244,917 to Gute ("Gute"). The Examiner states that Burgdorf discloses all the features of the present invention except those disclosed by Gute. From this, the Examiner concludes that it would have been obvious at the time of invention to modify Burgdorf with the disclosed elements of Gute. The Applicants acknowledge and agree with the Examiner that Burgdorf does not disclose each feature of the presently claimed invention. In addition, the Applicants assert that Gute does not teach or suggest the features not taught by Burgdorf.

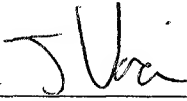
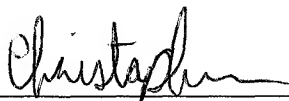
The combination of Burgdorf and Gute fails to teach or suggest all the features of the presently claimed invention. With reference to FIG. 1, the amended claims make clear that the conducting elements (items 38, 39) connect the carbon brushes (items 15, 16) to the electronic unit (item 7) and hold the carbon brushes in the guide elements (items 21, 22) prior to assembly motor-driven pump unit. This is in contrast to both Burgdorf and Gute. Burgdorf does not teach or suggest that the conducting element may be used to retain the carbon brushed prior to assembly. Likewise, Gute does not teach the retention of axially moveable brushes through the use of conducting elements connected to an electronic unit.

**CONCLUSION**

For these reasons, the Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly request early action. It is believed that any additional fees due with respect to this paper have already been identified in any transmittal accompanying this paper.

However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper that are not identified in any accompanying transmittal, permission is given to charge account number 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman and Grauer PLLC.

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